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## Reflection of Gender Discrimination In The Female Rituals Of Barak Valley

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### Abstract

Rituals are essential aspects of socio- cultural life of a particular community. Like every society, the Hindu Bengalee people of Barak Valley also perform a large number of folk rituals throughout the year. These folk rituals are mainly performed by women. So if we study the sociology of these rituals, we can find the social as well as the position of women in family of our society. A woman worships a man as God in some occasions. In the process, an idea of inferiority is rooted in her. She is advised not to think for herself. A woman comes into being for others only. Her duty is to care for her father, brother, husband, and male- child in particular. She does not have any identity of her own. In all the rituals like marriage, brata and so on women are taught to render her service for men. They are supposed to be a son- producing machine. So this may be inferred that the folk rituals reveal the dominance of men over women in the patriarchal society. The present research paper aims to draw the position of women in our family and society.

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